

GEAR UP Idaho: FACT SHEET



GEAR UP: Who

The GEAR UP program provides services to selected public schools in Idaho who have a student population of 50 percent or more who qualify for free or reduced lunch. GEAR UP serves students beginning in seventh grade and follows them through high school. GEAR UP students will come from both urban and rural communities. GEAR UP schools are selected based upon a completed application process and consideration of demographic and geographic distribution.

GEAR UP: The Goal

The goal of GEAR UP Idaho is to provide comprehensive early intervention services for junior high and middle school students in cooperation with their parents that will help them learn about, prepare for and succeed in college.

GEAR UP: The Mission

The mission of GEAR UP Idaho is to inspire students to become active in their educational experience and to ensure they are academically prepared for advancement to post-secondary education; and to increase the economic development and quality of life of Idaho residents by offering avenues to post-secondary education.

GEAR UP Provides to Participating Schools and Students:

- o Regional coordinators to implement program requirements to reduce impact on existing school staff;
- o Consideration of a mini-grant for selected schools to aid in school- specific training and programs ;
- o Computers for 200 eligible students at the end of 8th grade to address technology barriers;
- o Considerations for 4 year renewable scholarships of \$4,000/year based upon financial need and completion of rigorous course-work and requirements of the program;
- o Funding for college visits;
- o Funding for the GEAR UP student requirement to take the ACT.

Why GEAR UP ?

By offering a comprehensive program designed to meet the needs of participating schools, students and parents, GEAR UP Idaho will:

- o Increase the academic performance of students;
- o Increase post-secondary preparation;
- o Increase graduation rates and post-secondary attendance rates;
- o Increase the ability to plan for the future, set goals and accomplish goals;
- o Increase the knowledge of post-secondary education options, preparation and financing;
- o Increase family involvement in school

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